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Dear Los Angeles County School Administrators and Nurses:

FREE ON-SITE H1N1 VACCINATION

We are writing to notify you that the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health is now offering free on-site H1N1 vaccinations to all local public and private school campuses in Los Angeles County. We have committed additional departmental resources to support this effort to ensure that vaccination clinics can be held on campus with minimal assistance from school staff and with limited disruption to normal school activities.

The clinics can be scheduled after school, on weekends, or during school hours, depending on the preference of each campus. Public Health will provide licensed nurses to administer the vaccine and handle the logistics of setting up and operating the clinic – which can be scheduled through the end of April 2010.

If you are interested in having Public Health conduct a free H1N1 vaccination clinic on your campus, please contact Catherine Knox (cknox@ph.lacounty.gov or 213-240-7916) for additional information. We hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to help protect your campus community against the H1N1 virus.

While the incidence of H1N1 flu in Los Angeles continues to decline, flu cases usually continue well into spring. The best way to prevent the spread of the flu is getting vaccinated. There is now ample supply of H1N1 vaccine in Los Angeles County and the priority group restrictions have been lifted. Therefore, anyone over 6 months of age can be vaccinated if not medically contraindicated. The more people that get vaccinated against flu, the less illness we will see in our communities.

We appreciate your valuable assistance in responding to the H1N1 flu pandemic thus far and look forward to our continued partnership.

Sincerely,



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